

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES,
A MICHIGAN CITY**

ORDINANCE NO. 259

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING SIGNS

An ordinance to amend Chapter 40 of the City Ordinance Code, the City Zoning Ordinance, to permit and regulate the placement of “open house” signs on private property (with the permission of the owner) or on City property on designated days or times; and to repeal inconsistent ordinances.

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 40-331 of the City Ordinance Code, a portion of the Zoning Ordinance, is amended by adding a new (a) (6) to such section, as follows:

Section 40-331. Signs.

(a) No billboard, signboard, banner, pennant or other advertising media shall be permitted except the following:

(1) through (5): Unchanged.

(6) “Open House Direction Signs. Signs which indicate the directions to a particular residence that is open for public viewing may be placed on Sundays between 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Such signs may not exceed seven square feet in size. The signs may be located between the sidewalk and the curb of the street, or, if being placed where no sidewalk exists, no closer than five feet from the street. Such signs must be placed in such a way as to avoid creating a traffic hazard or a nuisance or inconvenience to the neighborhood. Open House direction signs may be located on private property, including any portion of such private property that is located between the sidewalk and the curb or street, only with the permission of the property owner. Open house direction signs may not be placed on the Lake Shore Road median or on the east side of Lake Shore Road, south of Vernier Road. Open house direction signs which comply with the requirements of this section may otherwise be placed on public property without permission from the City. The persons or entities whose open house direction signs do not comply with these requirements will be subject to a fine determined by the City Council.

(b) Unchanged.

Section 2. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. **Severability.** If a word, clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this ordinance shall be found invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.
- b. **Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict, or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- c. **Effective Date; Publication.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication of this ordinance, or a synopsis thereof, in a newspaper circulated in Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City, which publication shall be within 16 days after passage.

Passed: _____

Ayes: Council Members

Nays:

Absent:

Thaddeus J. Kedzierski
Mayor

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk